



— Montana Office of Public Instruction —

Linda McCulloch
State Superintendent

May 2006

Dear Educator:

Please join us in promoting "family reading" by providing your students with family-reading activities and by encouraging them to attend the reading programs at their local libraries. Parents, family members and friends are also encouraged to participate and to visit their local library and bookstore.

The **Hats Off to Summer Reading** monthly calendars are day-by-day fun reading, writing and thinking activities. A master copy of the **Hats Off to Summer Reading** calendars of suggested activities will be provided to your school. We encourage you to make a copy of the packet for each of your elementary students. With some guidance kindergarten students, as well as eighth graders, can complete the activities. Those students who finish all the activities will receive a **Family Reading Certificate and a surprise.**

Feel free to share these materials with your colleagues. The 2006 Family Reading Program, **Hats Off to Summer Reading**, is a collaborative effort of the Office of Public Instruction, Montana State Reading Council, and the Montana State Elks Association.

You can also go to the Collaborative Summer Library Program Website pages <http://www.csllpreads.org/06program.htm> and <http://www.csllpreads.org/teen06.htm> for more tips and, while you're there, take a look at the 2006 CSLP downloadable poster by Billings Career Center teacher Russ Walks!

Thank you for promoting family reading and encouraging your students to attend library reading programs this summer and become a **Hats Off to Summer Reading** Club Member. We hope you have a wonderful, peaceful and refreshing summer. You have our admiration and respect for all your hard work and dedication to Montana kids.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda McCulloch".

Linda McCulloch
Superintendent of Public Instruction

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June Atkins".

June Atkins
Literacy Specialist

Enclosures

Dear Student,

Hats, hats, hats, big hats, floppy hats, silly hats, what kind of hat do you like? How many stories and poems about hats can you find to read this summer? Have a great summer reading adventure and become a ***Hats Off to Summer Reading*** club member.

READ! Discover the thrills found in a book. Exercise your brain as well as your body. To help you find interesting things to do and think about, here are some fun activities for the months of June, July and August. Complete the summer activities for each day. As you finish the activity, put a check in the box for that day. Hang the calendar where it will be easy to read.

Involve your family, relatives and friends in the ***Hats Off to Summer Reading*** activities. Plan quiet times to spend with your new friends who are waiting for you under the covers of books. When you finish reading a book or poem, color a hat on the hat page.

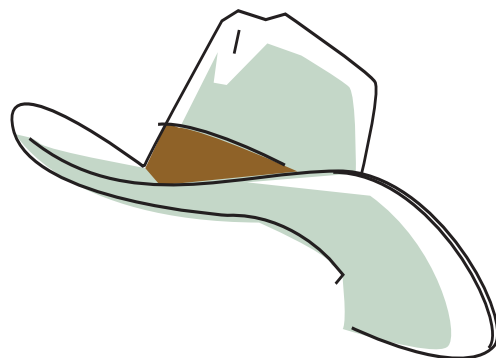
Complete all the activities for June, July and August. Share your favorite story. Fill in the form on the last page of the Family Reading activities. Send your story and **Reader Club Membership form** to me. I will sign you up as a ***Hats Off to Summer Reading*** club member and send you a surprise.

Be a ***Hats Off to Summer Reading*** member. Enjoy a reading and writing summer adventure.

Your friend,

Linda McCulloch

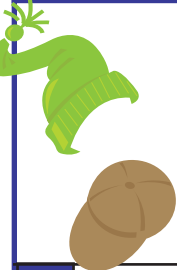

Superintendent
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June

Hats Off to Summer Reading




2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Hats, hats everywhere. Little hats, big hats, floppy hats, silly hats. How many stories and poems can you find about hats? Enjoy your Hats Off to Summer Reading Adventures.</p>				 <p>1 <i>Diary</i> Start keeping a journal or diary this summer. Remember they are private.</p>	<p>2 <i>With family</i> or friends write all the words that make you think of summer.</p>	<p>3 <i>Hats Off to Library Day</i> Have a family outing to the library today.</p>
<p>4 <i>Read</i> a story about Independence Day.</p>	<p>5 <i>Count</i> all of the electric appliances in your house. Write them in alphabetical order.</p>	<p>6 <i>Maps</i> Hide a toy for someone to find and make a map for them.</p>	<p>7 <i>Hat Poem</i> Draw the shape of a hat. Write a poem on the hat.</p>	<p>8 <i>Alphabet</i> With a friend, take turns writing letters of the alphabet on each other's backs. Use your fingers as a pencil. Guess the letters.</p>	<p>9 <i>Cereal Box</i> Read the cereal box. Tell someone what you learned.</p>	<p>10 <i>Special Reading Day</i> Make a special reading area at home just to use for reading during the month of June.</p>
<p>11 <i>TV Coupons</i> Keep track of time you spend watching TV by "paying" for each half hour of viewing with a coupon. When the week's coupons are gone, there's no more TV.</p>	<p>12 <i>Game</i> Take turns saying a word. You must begin your word with the last letter in your friend's word, and vice versa.</p>	<p>13 <i>Words, Words</i> Find out how many words you can make using each day of the week.</p>	<p>14 <i>Flag Day</i> Make a list of all the places where you see the U.S. flag displayed. Attend a ceremony in your area.</p>	<p>15 <i>Hats Off to Reading Day</i> Wear a crazy hat today. Read hat stories or poems.</p>	<p>16 <i>Go for a Hike</i> Keep your eyes and ears open. When you get home, make a list of all the things you can remember. Look for animal homes.</p>	<p>17 <i>Hat Day</i> Wear crazy hats today. Write a story or draw a picture about your hat.</p>
<p>18 <i>How many</i> words can you make using the letters in Father's Day? Try to find at least ten words.</p>	<p>19 <i>Dictionary</i> Start a new word dictionary and add new words each day.</p>	<p>20 <i>Rhyming</i> Using old magazines, cut out rhyming words and make up a poem using these words.</p>	<p>21 <i>Think About</i> the three best things that happened to you today. Tell them to someone in your family. Then tell them to someone who is not a family member.</p>	<p>22 <i>Hot and Cold</i> Hide a small object. When a person gets close to it say, "you're getting warm, hot, hotter."</p>	<p>23 <i>Wastepaper Basket</i> Make and decorate a wastepaper basket with pictures illustrating a story.</p>	<p>24 <i>Find</i> three new words in the newspaper. Look them up in the dictionary. What do they mean? Share them with someone.</p>
<p>25 <i>Give</i> yourself a treat. Ask someone to read to you. Remember to write in your journal.</p>	<p>26 <i>Read More About It Day</i> Choose a topic and read more about it.</p>	<p>27 <i>Make a List</i> of things found in the house that are made of: wood, glass, rubber or plastic.</p>	<p>28 <i>Invite</i> some friends to come over and discuss the books they are reading!</p>	<p>29 <i>Cookies</i> Read a recipe and make some cookies.</p>	<p>30 <i>Help</i> your parents by rewriting the grocery list by categories: baked goods, produce, meat, etc.</p>	 Linda McCulloch, Superintendent Montana Office of Public Instruction PO Box 202501 Helena, Montana 59620-2501 www.opi.mt.gov

July

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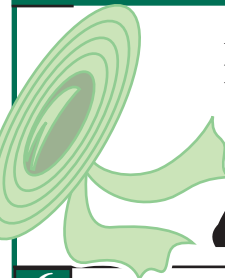


2006

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<div>  <p>Linda McCulloch, Superintendent Montana Office of Public Instruction PO Box 202501 Helena, Montana 59620-2501 www.opi.mt.gov</p> </div> <div>  <p>Hats Off to Readers! <i>The more you read, the better you read—so read, read, read!</i> <i>Remember to read 20 minutes every day.</i> <i>How many new vocabulary words have you learned? I've learned _____ new vocabulary words. Keep on learning new words!</i></p> </div> <div>  </div>						
						<div>1</div> <p>Goal Setters Set reading goals for July. Read three or more books this month.</p>
<div>2</div> <p>READ for 20 minutes. Share your favorite part with someone.</p>	<div>3</div> <p>Hat Book Using old magazines and catalogs, make a book with all the different hats you find. Label your pictures.</p>	<div>4</div> <p>Shapes Draw a circle, square, triangle, rectangle and octagon. Color them, cut them out, arrange and paste them on another sheet of paper.</p>	<div>5</div> <p>Vocabulary Log Every day write one new vocabulary word that you learn. See how many words you can learn this summer.</p>	<div>6</div> <p>Make a List of birds, animals, and fish that begin with "B." How many did you find?</p>	<div>7</div> <p>Theme Dinner Choose a theme such as animals or hats, and read stories. At dinner ask everyone to share an interesting fact.</p>	<div>8</div> <p>Digest a Good Book There's nothing more delicious than a good book. READ!</p>
<div>9</div> <p>Share a Story Tell the most exciting, the funniest, or the saddest event in a story to someone.</p>	<div>10</div> <p>Scrapbook Start a scrapbook of your family history. Include pictures, letters, and interviews with family members.</p>	<div>11</div> <p>Letter Dinner Choose a letter of the alphabet and serve food beginning with that letter, such as "P"—peas, pickles, pies.</p>	<div>12</div> <p>Word Web Choose a word like <u>summer</u>. Think of other words that tell more about <u>summer</u>. Write <u>summer</u> in the middle of a page. Write your words on the paper and connect them to <u>summer</u> to make a word web.</p>	<div>13</div> <p>In Laughing Order Find a comic strip. Cut it out and cut the frames apart. Mix them up. Now put them in order. Read the comic strip to someone.</p>	<div>14</div> <p>Rhyme Write words that rhyme with <u>hat</u> and <u>rake</u>. How many words did you find? Share your list with someone.</p>	<div>15</div> <p>Recipe Find a recipe in the newspaper. Have an adult help make it as a special surprise for the evening meal.</p>
<div>16</div> <p>Read! Read! Read! Then read your favorite part aloud to someone.</p>	<div>17</div> <p>No TV Night Instead of watching TV, read aloud, play games, or take a walk.</p>	<div>18</div> <p>Where in the World Look on clothes labels, food or box labels to see where it came from. Locate that place on a map.</p>	<div>19</div> <p>Reading is Cool Day Wear sunglasses and cool attire—READ!!</p>	<div>20</div> <p>Look around your house to find as many things as you can to read. Write down what you have found. Share your list with your family.</p>	<div>21</div> <p>Weather Think about the weather. How many words can you think of to describe the weather? Tell a story about the weather to someone in your family.</p>	<div>22</div> <p>Plan to visit your library or bookstore this very weekend.</p>
<div>23</div> <p>Pull the Plug Pull the plug on your TV this week and have some fun!</p>	<div>24</div> <p>Hat Haiku Compose a haiku poem about hats.</p>	<div>25</div> <p>Smile! Have a good book day!</p>	<div>26</div> <p>Make a Puzzle Cut up a pretty card or magazine cover in large pieces. Mix up the pieces. Put the picture back together.</p>	<div>27</div> <p>Reading Time Read a favorite book with a family member. Tell them your favorite part.</p>	<div>28</div> <p>Game Take turns saying a word. You must begin your word with the last letter in your friend's word, and vice versa.</p>	<div>29</div> <p>S.U.T.A.R.D Sit Under a Tree and Read Day. Remember to write in your journal.</p>
<div>30</div> <p>Smile! Smile! You made it through the month!</p>	<div>31</div> <p>Diorama Make a carton diorama illustrating your favorite part of a story you read this month.</p>					

August

Hats Off to Summer Reading

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 <p>An open book is a path to an open mind.</p> 		1 <p>Weather Make a chart and keep track of the temperature every day this month.</p>	2 <p>Bug Collection Start a bug collection. Label them. Learn as much as you can about each one.</p>	3 <p>Raise a peanut, bean or sunflower from a seed. Record growth measurements weekly.</p>	4 <p>Make Up a joke or memorize a new one from a book.</p>	5 <p>Clip food coupons from the newspaper for your grocery shopping trips. Put the coupons into categories.</p>
6 <p>Sweet Dreams Read at bedtime (20 minutes). Remember to write in your journal.</p>	7 <p>Word of the Week Tell someone a word you would like to learn this week. Have them write the word on cardboard. Talk about the meaning of the word. Write a sentence.</p>	8 <p>Buzz Around If possible, observe bees or hummingbirds today and discuss why they are attracted to flowers. Which colors do they like?</p>	9 <p>Jump into Reading Find something interesting in the newspaper. Read it to someone.</p>	10 <p>One-Minute Dash How many words can you read correctly in one minute? Have someone time you. Keep a chart for each day.</p>	11 <p>Plan to visit your library or bookstore this very weekend.</p>	12 <p>Have a picnic and read a good book.</p>
13 <p>Plan a family reading time for today.</p>	14 <p>Shhhhh Take a silent walk. No talking or singing. Listen to the sounds of the natural world. Watch for movement. Walk as quietly as you can, slowly, with feet gently touching the earth.</p>	15 <p>Imaginary Restaurant Make up a menu for your imaginary restaurant. Write creative descriptions.</p>	16 <p>Hat Story Write a story about your hat with you as the main character.</p>	17 <p>Curl up with a book!</p>	18 <p>Write your grandparents telling about your summer vacation, or what you enjoy about them.</p>	19 <p>READ the TV Guide BEFORE you watch TV.</p>
20 <p>Pull the Plug and read. Turn off the TV and Play Station today.</p>	21 <p>Write a Letter Write an imaginary letter from one character in a story to another character in the story.</p>	22 <p>Healthy Food Cut pictures of healthy foods out of magazines.</p>	23 <p>Food Pyramid Make a food pyramid with the pictures you cut out.</p>	24 <p>Grocery Shopping Help write the shopping list.</p>	25 <p>Shopping List Look through the newspaper to find the prices for the items on your list. Write the prices on the list.</p>	26 <p>READ! READ! READ! READ!</p>
27 <p>Read for 20 minutes. Share your favorite part with someone.</p>	28 <p>Temperature Chart From your temperature chart make a graph showing the highest and lowest temperatures for August.</p>	29 <p>Safe Routes Draw a map showing the safest route from your house to your school.</p>	30 <p>Have a roundtable discussion of books read this summer.</p>	31 <p>Back to School Make a poster advertising a book you enjoyed this summer to share with your new class.</p>	 <p>Linda McCulloch, Superintendent Montana Office of Public Instruction PO Box 202501 Helena, Montana 59620-2501 www.opi.mt.gov</p>	<p>For additional information contact:</p> <p>June Atkins Literacy Specialist (406) 444-3664 Fax (406) 444-1373 jatkins@mt.gov</p>

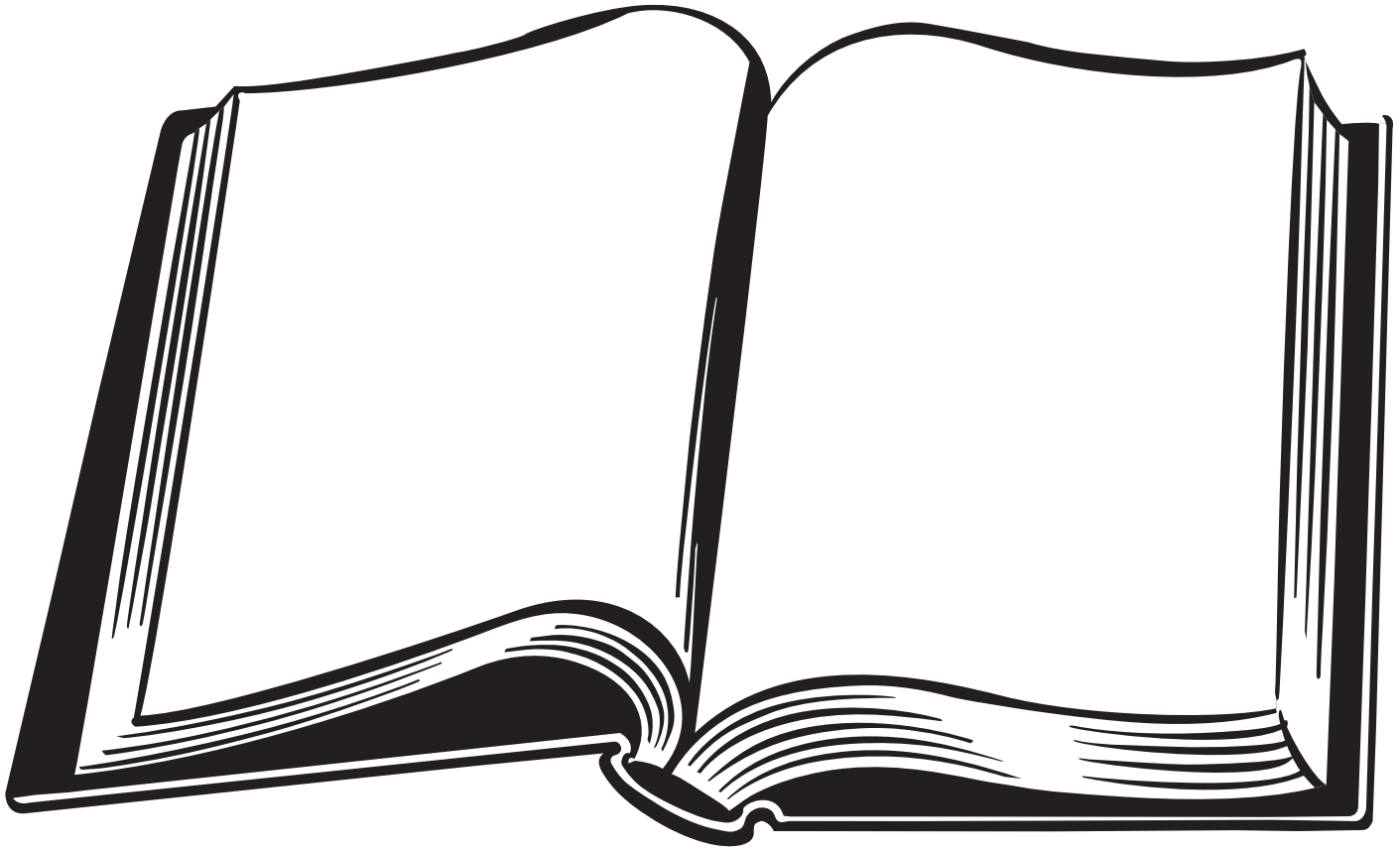
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When you finish reading a book or poem, color a hat!



My Favorite Story

By _____
Title _____ Author _____

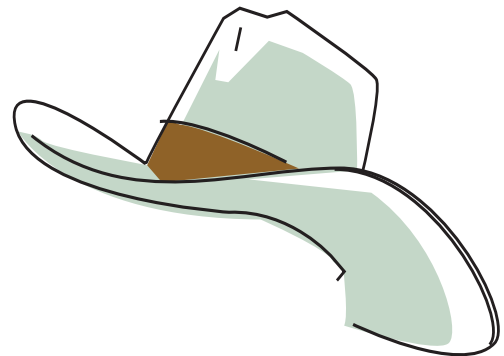


Write about a book or story you've read
in the space above.

I hope you enjoyed the Hats Off to
Summer Reading activities.

Remember to read at least 20 minutes
every day.

Visit your library.



Reader Book Club Membership



2006 Application Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Age _____ Grade Entering _____

How many books did you read this summer? _____

What was your favorite book? _____

Did you enjoy the Hats Off to Summer Reading activities this summer? _____

Would you like to receive a reading calendar next summer? _____

Have a parent or guardian sign this part.

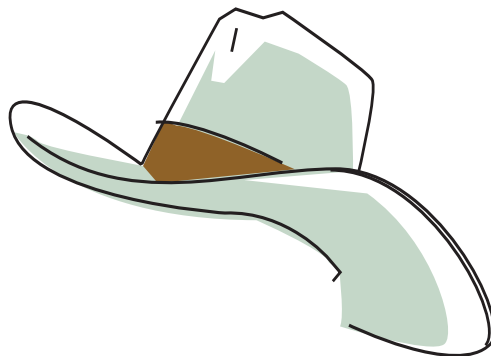
Student's Name

Completed all the Hats Off to Summer Reading activities.

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Mail to:

Linda McCulloch, Superintendent
Family Reading Program
Office of Public Instruction
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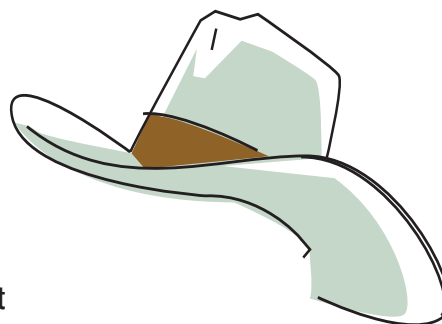


Remember to read at least 20 minutes each day!

Hats Off to Summer Reading

Suggested Books For You To Read

- Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
- The Cat in the Hat Comes Back by Dr. Seuss
- 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins by Dr. Seuss
- Who's Under that Hat? by Sarah Weeks
- Abe Lincoln's Hat by Martha F. Brenner
- Miss Fannie's Hat by Jan Karon
- The Hat by Jan Brett
- Old Hat, New Hat by Stan Berenstain
- Jennie's Hat by Ezra Jack Keats
- Blue Hat, Green Hat by Sandra Boynton
- Who Took the Farmer's Hat? by Joan L. Nodset
- A Hat Full of Sky by Terry Pratchett
- The Magic Hat and Other Danish Fairy Tales by Clara Stroebe
- Hats Off to the Fourth of July! by Harriet Ziefert
- Do You Have a Hat? by Eileen Spinelli
- Little Red Cowboy Hat by Susan Lowell
- Aunt Flossie's Hats by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
- When Everybody Wore a Hat by William Steig
- The Magic Hat by Mem Fox
- Caps, Hats, Sock, and Mittens: A Book About the Four Seasons by Louise Boynton
- Hats! by Kevin Luthardt
- Hip Knit Hats: 40 Fabulous Designs by Cathy Carron
- Shall I knit You a Hat?: A Christmas Yarn by Kate Klise
- Folks Hats: 32 Knitting Patterns and Tales from around the world by Vicki Square
- Three Hat Day by Laura Geringer
- Caps For Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
- Hat Tricks Count: A Hockey Number Book by Matt Napier



Parents as Partners

- Read with your children! Read billboards, street signs, maps, books, the informational channel or the television schedule channel on television, their textbooks, library books, anything you see.
- When you are in the car, make up stories together.
- Read books aloud to each other.
- Talk about the books you read.
- Give books and magazine subscriptions as gifts.
- Encourage your child to get a library card.
- Make regular family visits to the library.
- Help your child compile and illustrate a book.
- Reread a book you loved as a child, and then share it with your child.
- Make the bedtime story a regular family event.
- Visit a bookstore with your child.
- Help your child set up a personal library.
- Help children choose books they want to read.
- Use television and radio to encourage reading.
- Talk about local events reported by the media.
- Encourage your child to write stories, a diary, and letters to friends.
- Set family reading goals.
- Give favorite books to other children.
- Pack books for family trips.
- Read together about travel destinations.
- Visit a literary landmark.

